

# Iowa Library Services / State Library of Iowa



*Serving Iowans through their libraries*

*“The support system in place for librarians through Iowa Library Services is awesome. The reason Iowa libraries are surviving as well as they are in these hard times is due, in large part, to the resources and educational opportunities that are made available to little libraries like ours. So thanks to all of the wonderful Iowa Library Services staff I’ve had the pleasure to meet.”*

*West Bend Public Library Director*

# LearningExpress Library

*Job-related courses and practice tests online*

- Improve job skills with interactive skill-building courses
- Practice tests with customized feedback
- Available 24/7



GED Preparation

Job Search &  
Workplace Skills

Jobs & Careers

Skill Building for Adults

U.S. Citizenship

Computer & Internet  
Basics



College Preparation

College Students

Popular Software Tutorials

Elementary School

Middle School

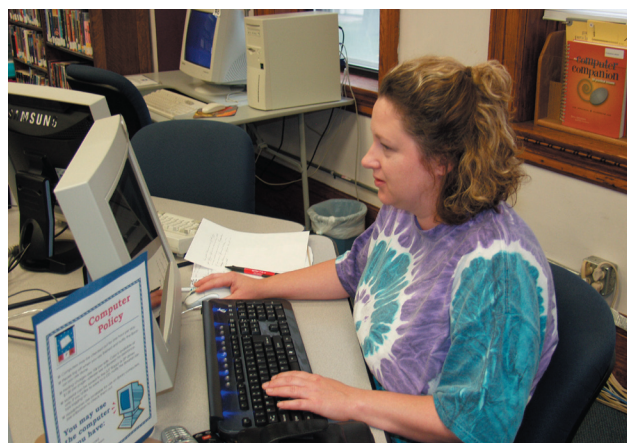
High School

*"Receiving the LearningExpress Library is a tremendous help to our community. With state funding helping to pay for this service, our library is able to use its limited funding in other ways to assist our customers."*

## Online Books, Magazines and Databases

*EBSCOhost and WILBOR/NEIBORS*

- Available 24/7 to all Iowans through their libraries
- 10 million search sessions last year
- Two e-book consortia: WILBOR and NEIBORS
- 15,000 e-book titles available for Iowans



*"We couldn't live without the databases you provide!"*

## Continuing Education and Consulting

*Education and training for librarians, including individualized consulting support*

- Six district offices plus Des Moines office
- 160 course sessions for librarians last year: 89 in person, 68 online, 3 ICN
- Course attendance last year: 4,516
- 3,200 one-on-one consulting sessions with Iowa librarians last year
- 87.5% of Iowa librarians rate IaLS services good or excellent (2013 survey)



*“Any time I need help or advice I can always rely on Iowa Library Services staff.”*

*“I am a fairly new director and have found Iowa Library Services to be extremely helpful as I learn my job better. I depend on them a lot to answer questions or give advice.”*

*“We have had very good experiences with Iowa Library Services’ online training opportunities. The system works well, the staff is experienced and professional, and the topics are varied and relevant.”*

*“I appreciate our Iowa Library Services district consultant taking the time to come into my library and help me with issues I am currently dealing with. It really makes a difference to know somebody is out there to help!”*

*“My staff and I attend as many continuing education classes as possible. The Iowa Library Services staff is very helpful and they should be commended.”*

*“We couldn’t exist without the help of Iowa Library Services.”*



# Technology Support for Iowa Libraries

## Websites and Interlibrary Loan

- Statewide online catalog of library holdings - Iowa Locator - 4 million titles and 16 million items
- SILO interlibrary loans - almost 100,000 last year
- PLOW (Putting Libraries on the Web) - websites for 300+ Iowa public libraries

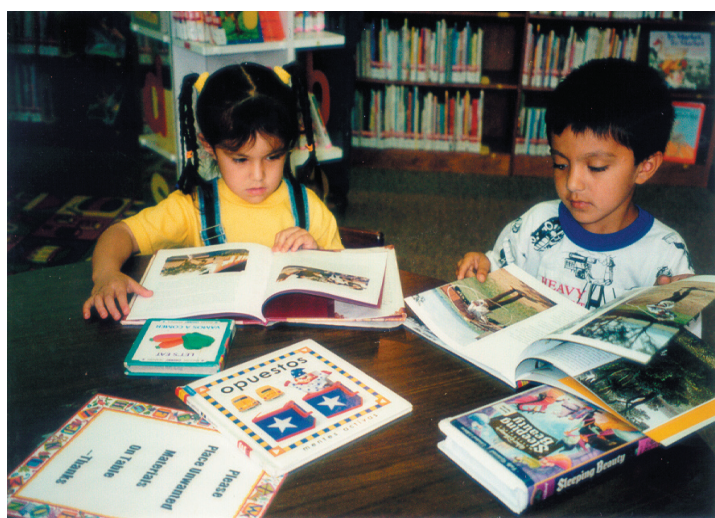


*"PLOW and EBSCO are vitally important services we receive. These two items make the most impact on our library."*

*"The SILO interlibrary loan service is great and we use it every day for borrowing and lending."*

## Summer Library Programs for Children in Iowa Public Libraries

*Building reading skills through public libraries*



- Programming ideas, program manuals and training delivered to Iowa public libraries
- 110,000 Iowa children participated last summer
- Children in every income group who read six or more books over the summer gain more in reading achievement than children who do not
- Use of the public library during the summer is more predictive of vocabulary gains than attending summer school is

## State Data Center

*Population, housing, business and government statistics about Iowa*

- Helping Iowans use census data
- Answered 1,000 data-intense research questions last year
- 200,000 website hits last year
- Develop data profiles such as “Older Iowans” and “Latinos in Iowa”



*“The most recent State Data Center brochure about African Americans in Iowa was wonderful.”*

## Law Library

*Includes A.J. Small special collection of Iowa’s seminal legal documents*

- Only public law library in Iowa
- Almost 75,000 visitors last year
- Answered 4,000 legal reference questions last year



*“I have used the law library a few times and am very thankful for the knowledge and timeliness of the answers I received. It is a WONDERFUL service!”*



## Iowa Publications Online

*State documents for the general public*



Online archive of reports, newsletters and other publications produced by state agencies for access by Iowa citizens

- 13,000 documents online
- 125,000 web hits last year
- Online state documents accessible through a single website for ease of use by Iowans

## Iowa Center for the Book

*Stimulating public interest in books, reading, literacy and libraries*

- **All Iowa Reads** - statewide book discussion program
- **Letters About Literature** - for students in grades 4-10 (2 national winners and 3 honorable mentions since 2004)
- **Online Iowa Author List** established in 2007 - 350 authors listed



*“Letters About Literature really helped me discover the importance of literature in my life. In school we read, read, read, but reading for this project made reading a joy. A book can really change a life. It did mine.”*

More than two-thirds  
of all Iowans  
- 2,036,382 -  
have *active*  
public library cards.



Iowans made nearly  
19.4 million visits to public  
libraries in FY12.

That's more than  
54,000 visits  
*every day.*

Iowans checked out  
*more than*  
*29 million items*  
from their  
public libraries  
in FY12.



State Library of Iowa & Library Service Areas Combined State Funding						Enrich Iowa State Funding					
FY	State Library of Iowa	Library Service Areas	Total Funding	Dollar Gain/Loss	Percent Gain/Loss	FY	General Fund Appropriation	RIIF	Total Funding	Dollar Gain/Loss	Percent Gain/Loss
1999	\$1,658,892	\$1,637,000	\$3,295,892			1999	\$1,351,790		\$1,351,790		
2000	\$1,741,378	\$1,687,000	\$3,428,378	\$132,486	4.0%	2000	\$2,111,790		\$2,111,790	\$760,000	56.2%
2001	\$1,819,616	\$1,687,000	\$3,506,616	\$78,238	2.3%	2001	\$2,352,422		\$2,352,422	\$240,632	11.4%
2002	\$1,643,746	\$1,502,415	\$3,146,161	(\$360,455)	-10.3%	2002	\$1,781,168	\$500,000	\$2,281,168	(\$71,254)	-3.0%
2003	\$1,222,051	\$1,411,854	\$2,633,905	(\$512,256)	-16.3%	2003	\$1,741,982	\$600,000	\$2,341,982	\$60,814	2.7%
2004	\$1,265,788	\$1,380,087	\$2,645,875	\$11,970	0.5%	2004	\$1,702,787	\$600,000	\$2,302,787	(\$39,195)	-1.7%
2005	\$1,378,555	\$1,376,558	\$2,755,113	\$109,238	4.1%	2005	\$1,698,432	\$600,000	\$2,298,432	(\$4,355)	-0.2%
2006	\$1,420,694	\$1,376,558	\$2,797,252	\$42,139	1.5%	2006	\$1,698,432	\$900,000	\$2,598,432	\$300,000	13.1%
2007	\$1,666,761	\$1,426,558	\$3,093,319	\$296,067	10.6%	2007	\$1,698,432	\$950,000	\$2,648,432	\$50,000	1.9%
2008	\$1,879,827	\$1,636,000	\$3,515,827	\$422,508	13.7%	2008	\$1,823,432	\$950,000	\$2,773,432	\$125,000	4.7%
2009	\$1,907,426	\$1,612,210	\$3,519,636	\$3,809	0.1%	2009	\$1,796,081	\$950,000	\$2,746,081	(\$27,351)	-1.0%
2010	\$1,573,650	\$1,455,989	\$3,029,639	(\$489,997)	-13.9%	2010	\$1,796,081	\$950,000	\$2,746,081	\$0	0.0%
2011	\$1,297,658	\$1,128,622	\$2,426,280	(\$603,359)	-19.9%	2011	\$1,796,081	\$450,000	\$2,246,081	(\$500,000)	-18.2%
2012	\$1,209,619	\$1,005,444	\$2,215,063	(\$211,217)	-8.7%	2012	\$1,674,227	\$0	\$1,674,227	(\$571,854)	-25.5%
2013*			\$2,215,063	\$0	0.0%	2013	\$2,174,228	\$0	\$2,174,228	\$500,001	29.9%

\* Funding combined into one appropriation with reorganization

Total Iowa Library Services Funding 2009-2013:			
2009	\$3,519,636		
2013	\$2,215,063	(\$1,304,573)	-37.1%
Total Enrich Iowa to Libraries Funding 2009-2013:			
2009	\$2,746,081		
2013	\$2,174,228	(\$571,853)	-20.8%

Current level funding, \$2,215,063, is lowest since FY 84 when funding was \$2,067,415

According to the Consumer Price Index inflation calculator, FY 84 funding would equal \$4,602,774 in 2012.

Source - Iowa Library Services  
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